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USGS North Bend Quadrangle (7.5")  
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 10.592490.5260100

Building 2230 is also known as the Fire Warehouse, and currently used as a warehouse and conference room.

Significance: North Bend Ranger Station Building 2230, the fire warehouse building, is an element of a National Register thematic group entitled "USDA Forest Service Administrative Buildings in the States of Oregon and Washington, built by the Civilian Conservation Corps." In common with other buildings in the group, Building 2230 typifies construction projects undertaken by the C.C.C. and signifies the aid to the local community provided by the work relief program. Building 2230 also exemplifies the rustic architectural style developed by the Pacific Northwest Region of the Forest Service to impart agency identity, and signifies the Service's particular expression of this early twentieth century American style (Throop 1986).

Description: Overall dimensions of Building 2230 are 50 x 80 feet: a rectangular 1-1/2 story building. It is of wood frame construction on a poured concrete foundation. The wood shingled, gable hip roof has two large gable dormers on each of the northeast and southwest slopes of the roof. Part of the northeast wall is recessed to cover a plank and timber loading dock, over which the roof is supported by five heavy squared-timbered posts having short, slender curving brackets affixed.

The exterior is horizontal clapboard, with vertical boards and battens on the gables and dormers. Windows are typical nine-light sash multiples of three with mullions; four sets on the southeast and northwest sides and two sets on the southwest end. On the northeast end is one nine-light sash multiple of four with mullions. Dormers and gables have nine-light sash coupled windows with mullions.

One two-leaf sliding door extending to the height of the ground story level is centered on the southwest gable end. Doors are without decoration, except six inset panels: the lower two wood, the upper four glass, in combination with muntins. One two-leaf sliding door is offset to the right on the northeast side, centered on the loading dock. A single hinged door is located in the south wall of the loading dock.

The interior floor is 2 x 6 inch dimensional lumber at the loading dock level. A concrete floor driveway at the center of the south end provides access to the building at the ground level. The interior has undergone several changes and little is known of the history of these changes. 1935 plans on file in the Facilities Engineering files of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest indicate that the building was originally entirely open, except for the support posts, and without interior walls or attic. It is not known when the interior walls, attic or stairs were added, or whether the chimney was an addition.

Interior wall covering includes gypsum board and 1 x 4 inch tongue and groove cedar boards. The upstairs and south half of the building are unfinished. Two evenly-spaced rows of 10 x 10 inch posts on the interior provide structural support. The interior has been partitioned for storage space. Stairs in the west-center of the interior provide access to the storage attic. Toilet facilities were added in the northwest corner in the 1980s. A chimney was removed from the north end conference room in 1992.

Prior to 1940, a metal-tube scaffold was added to the northeast-gable end of the building. It was installed as a hose-drying scaffold and modified for smokejumper's practice and later for a helitack practice platform in the 1970s. This scaffold was removed in 1992, and up until that time, was still used for drying hoses.

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Exterior alterations to Building 2230 also include the removal of the brick chimney from roof and the addition of crawl-space vents along the base of each side. Recessed stairs at the north end of the loading dock have been removed, and a temporary stair was placed off the east (front) of the dock. These alterations were all initiated and completed in 1992.

History:

Building 2230 was constructed in 1936, and has been the property of the USDA Forest Service since that time. The land was purchased by the Snoqualmie National Forest in January, 1936, for construction of a North Bend District headquarters. The Snoqualmie National Forest merged with the Mt. Baker National Forest to form the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest in 1974.

Initially, the District headquarters was located at Denny Creek, 20 miles east of town. After closure of the Sunset Highway, the headquarters were moved to North Bend for better access, easier contact with Forest visitors, and more efficient administration.

Building 2230 was constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps. It was identified as a fire equipment and R&T (roads and trails) storage building on the 1935 plans. Little else is known about the history of the Station or its buildings, as no comprehensive administrative history of the Station has been compiled.

Sources:

Historic views:

Recreation files, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Supervisor's Office.

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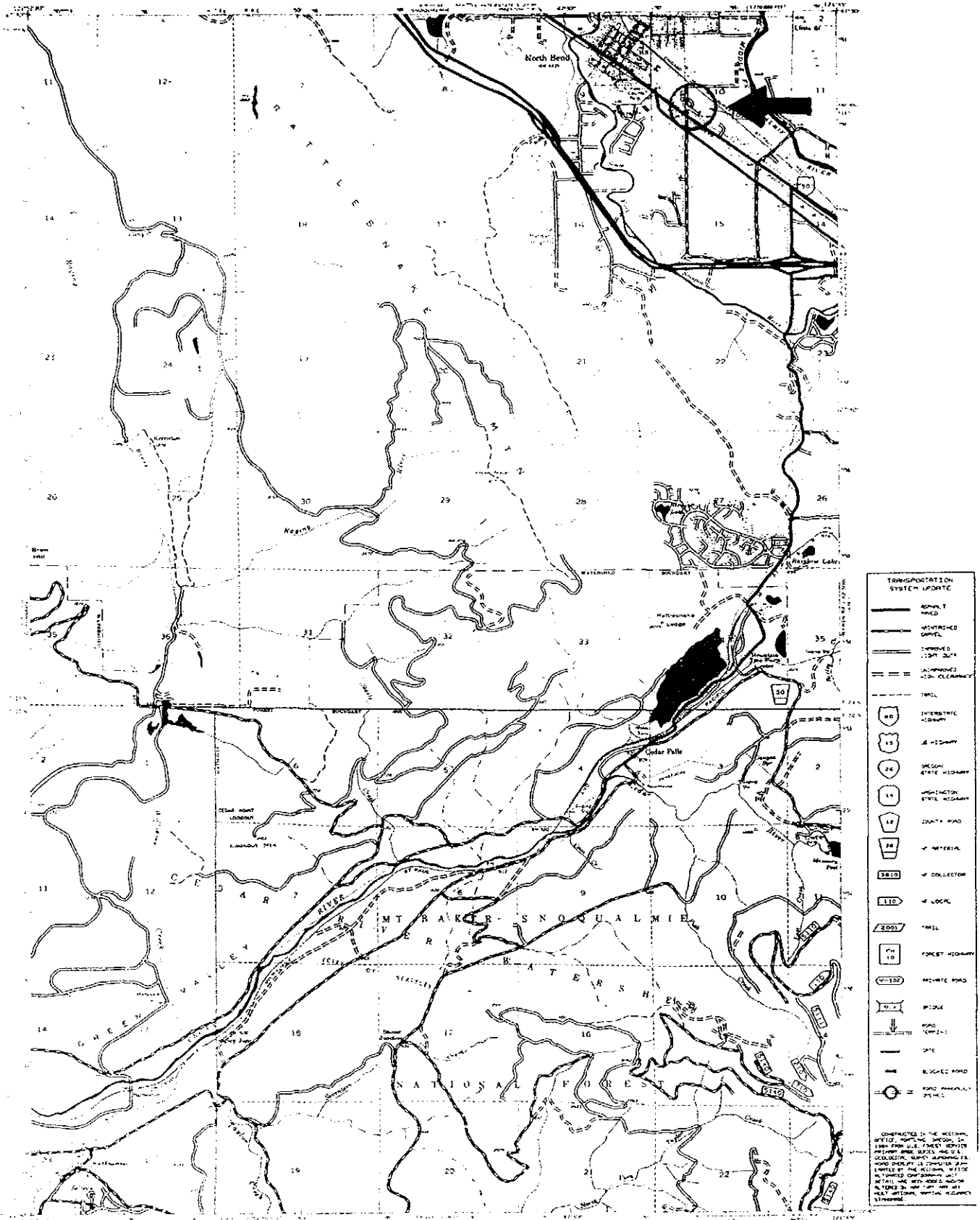
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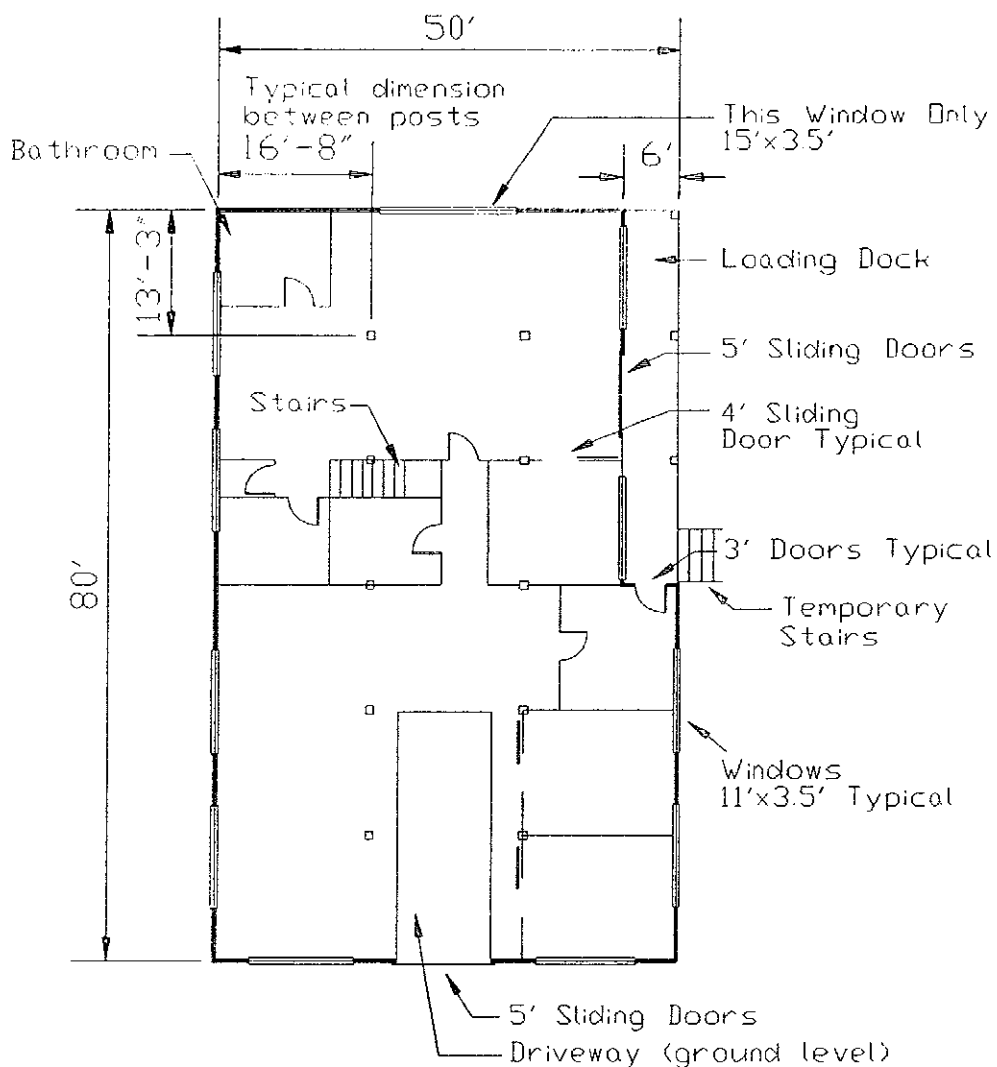
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First Floor Sketch